

Banker, Frederick

Frederick L. "Fritz" Banker, 53, of Port Hope passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2000, at his home following a seven-month-long illness. He was born on May 25, 1947, in Detroit, the son of Bernice (Schave) Smith and the late Frederick D. Banker. He and Brenda Harshbarger were married on May 10, 1985, in Detroit. Fritz retired after 30 years from General Motors in Toledo in 1997. Fred was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Port Hope. He enjoyed fishing and hunting. He is survived by his wife, Brenda Banker of Port Hope; children, Fred P. Banker and his wife, Kim, of Plymouth, Kathy Banker of Northville, Crystall Banker of Port Hope, Randy McComas and his wife, Debbie, of Redford, Joseph Baer and his wife, Kriss, of Detroit, Robert Baer and his wife, Tanya, of Detroit, Gina Thrushman and her husband, Brett, of Westland; 14 grandchildren; mother, Bernice Smith of Port Hope; three brothers, Larry of Warren, Randy of China Township and Tony of Armada; sister, Pamela Banker of Bad Axe. Fritz was preceded in death by a brother, Richard Banker. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 30, 2000, at St. John Lutheran Church in Port Hope with the Rev. Henry Malone, vacancy pastor officiating. A scripture service will be at 8 p.m. today in the Ramsey Funeral Home in Harbor Beach. Burial will be in Marquardt Cemetery near Port Hope. Visitation will be from 6 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home and 11:30 a.m. until the time of the services at the church. Memorials may be given to the American Cancer Society.